

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An immediate-release pharmaceutical or nutraceutical micronized powder for mucosal delivery of at least one active agent, having a particle size of at most 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and comprising:

- (a) at least one active substance;
- (b) at least one wetting agent;
- (c) at least one diluent; and
- (d) an antistatic agent comprising from 0.01 % to 10% by weight of the total weight of the composition;

wherein the powder has a dissolution kinetic of less than 30 seconds in an aqueous medium at pH 5 to 9, and

wherein, upon mucosal administration, the powder releases the active substance(s) at the mucosal site.

2. (Previously Presented) A powder according to claim 1, with a particle size of at most 50 $\mu\text{m}$ .

3. (Previously Presented) A powder according to claim 1, with a particle size of at most 10 $\mu\text{m}$ .

4. (Previously Presented) A powder according to claim 1, wherein the powder releases all of the active substance(s) in less than 30 seconds after mucosal administration.

5. (Previously Presented) A powder according to claim 1, wherein the active substance is in a micronized form.

6. (Currently Amended) A powder according to claim 1, wherein the active substance is at least one member selected from the group consisting of cyproterone acetate, norethisterone acetate, progesterone, 3-keto-desogestrel, norgestimate, ~~laevonorgestrel~~ levonorgestrel, desogestrel, gestodene, a natural estrogen, a synthetic estrogen,  $\Delta$ -4-androstenedione, testosterone, dihydrotestosterone, androstanolone, DHEA, trinitrine,

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